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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2002, applicants elect the invention of Group I (*i.e.*, claims 1-19 and 24-28) without traverse. This election is made without prejudice to pursuit of the remaining claims in a related application. This paper is accompanied by the required extension fee.